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FAILURE OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS TO SUPPORT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

All raion and comune (village) people's councils are charged with the specific duty of providing proper cultural activities for the people. One activity is the maintenance and development of culture halls to provide the public with accepted literary works. Many people's councils failed in this duty, thus incurring strong party criticism. An excerpt of such party criticism

The Executive Committees of the raion people's councils have not followed a recent decision of the Council of Ministers, providing for the wide distribution of books among the working population. Both raion and comune people's councils have failed in their cultural activities and are warned to improve their activities and methods of operation.

The central library of Branesti is especially lax in its duties. On Sunday, 1 June 1952, the library was closed, although that is the one day most suited to quiet reading. Books are thrown on tables in a disorderly fashion, and no assistance is given to the reading public in the proper choice of books.

This situation is caused by the lack of initiative and diligence of Ecaterina Stoca, chief of the culture and arts section of the Branesti Raion People's Council and also of Alexandrina Decu, the newly appointed librarian.

The lack of organization on the part of the raion public library is also felt in the comune libraries. In Cetuica, no records are kept, no reading activities are planned, and no proper display of books is made. Similar situations exist in Poenari, Berceni, Copaceni, and Gradistea.

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The people's council of Colibasi failed to provide the cultural hall with books, materials, or housing for the establishment of a comune library. The library books are kept by the librarian at her own home.

The people's council of Calugareni, Dobreni and Gradistea also failed to provide the necessary furniture for its cultural halls. The people's council of Sterea and Westi permitted the cultural hall buildings to be used as taverns. In Dobreni, Cretesti, Vlad, and Tepes there has never been an inventory of the books or furnishings on hand.

It is the duty of the people's councils to maintain a rigorous check on all cultural activities in their respective areas. Their failure to do so means adherence to the former kulak principles and calls for drastic changes in the representatives called to serve on the people's councils.

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